

THE YMM CHECK-IN

Fort McMurray International Airport's Community Newsletter



Contest: WIN Non-stop Flights to Vancouver

To celebrate Air Canada's new non-stop flights from Fort McMurray to Vancouver launching December 2, we're giving you the chance to win a trip for two to Vancouver!

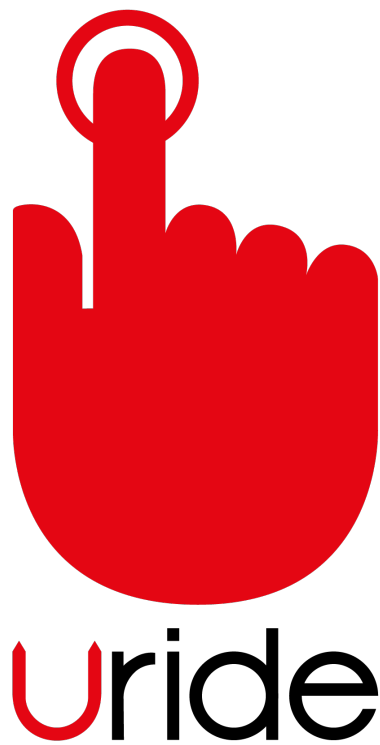
✈ YMM-YVR non-stop starts Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025

📅 Fly non-stop Tues, Wed & Thurs

🕒 Flight time: just over 2.5 hours

Enter now for your chance to fly west with Air Canada and YMM

Enter to WIN



50% Off Urides to/from YMM in November

Uride has officially joined YMM's ground transportation lineup, giving travellers a new, easy, and affordable way to get around.

To celebrate, Uride is offering 50% off all rides to and from YMM throughout November - just enter the code **FLYYMM** when booking through the Uride app.



Photos with Santa at YMM

Celebrate the season on Saturday, December 6, with festive photos featuring Santa and Mrs.

Claus, enjoy live local entertainment, and take in the cheerful holiday atmosphere surrounded by friends, family, and community spirit. Bring your pets, kids, or the whole family - everyone's invited to join the fun.

This special event is proudly hosted in partnership with the students of Father Patrick Mercredi High School in support of their Santas Anonymous campaign, helping families in need experience the magic of Christmas.

📺 Enjoy:

- Visits with Santa, Mrs. Claus, Buddy the Elf, and YMM's furry friends from PAWS (Pet and Wellness Society Wood Buffalo)
- Tim Hortons hot chocolate and Timbits
- Live musical performances by local students
- Holiday colouring and face painting stations
- Free parking

Purchase
Tickets



Workforce Development Accreditation

This week at the ACI-NA and ACI World Annual General Assembly in Toronto, Denean Robinson, President and CEO of the Fort McMurray Airport Authority, proudly accepted YMM's Airport Workforce Development Accreditation award on stage among industry colleagues and peers.

This major achievement places Fort McMurray International Airport alongside the first airports in North America to receive this recognition, including Toronto Pearson, Denver International, Rapid City Regional, and San Francisco International.

The accreditation celebrates YMM's leadership in workforce development and its commitment to building a strong, skilled, and engaged team that supports both the region's aviation industry and the broader community.

[Read the News Release](#)



Sold-out Pumpkins & Planes Event Raises \$3,400 (net) for United Way

The Fort McMurray International Airport (YMM) was brimming with colour, creativity, and countless adorable costumes on Saturday, October 25, as more than 1,200 guests filled the terminal for the sold-out Pumpkins & Planes event in support of United Way Fort McMurray and Wood Buffalo (UW). The family-friendly celebration raised an impressive \$3,400 (net) to support local United Way programs across the region.

"This event has become a special fall tradition at YMM," said Denean Robinson, President & CEO of the Fort McMurray Airport Authority. "It's heartwarming to see families making memories together while giving back to the community we're proud to serve."

[Read the News Release](#)

YMM PASSENGER of the month



YMM Passenger of the Month

Congratulations to our November YMM Passenger of the Month, Zenab Choudhry!

Zenab wrote in her entry, "we just love the friendly service and speedy security at YMM." We love you back, Zenab, Cristina, Ashton, Janet and Charmain! Thanks for Flying YMM.

Enter the contest next time you Fly YMM- the QR code can be found airside.



Team YMM Spotlight on Rovel Cerna

Rovel Cerna joined the YMM airport community in 2018 as a ramp agent with GAT and quickly proved himself as a dedicated and capable team member. His hard work and leadership earned him a well-deserved promotion to Ramp Lead.

Rovel takes pride in keeping flights on schedule, ensuring operations run as safely and efficiently as possible. Over his seven years at YMM, he's built lasting relationships and shared, "I'm treated like family here, and I value and treasure that."

When he's not on the ramp, Rovel can often be found spending time with his wife and child, singing karaoke, and watching movies. Recognized multiple times for his dedication to safety and on-time performance, including a national safety award from WestJet, Rovel's professionalism and commitment make him an essential part of the YMM team.

[Click for More Team YMM Spotlights](#)



Check out the YMM Tree at Festival of Trees

Bid on YMM's "O Christmas Trip" live auction tree package at the Northern Lights Health Foundation's Festival of Trees.

O Christmas Trip includes:

- Two round-trip tickets from Fort McMurray (YMM) with Porter Airlines to anywhere Porter flies - ideal for a spring getaway
- \$1,000 Hotels.com gift card for your dream accommodations
- Set of locally crafted wooden Christmas trees in YMM's northern lights-inspired colours
- One-year YMM parking pass
- Stylish travel luggage and exclusive YMM-branded swag

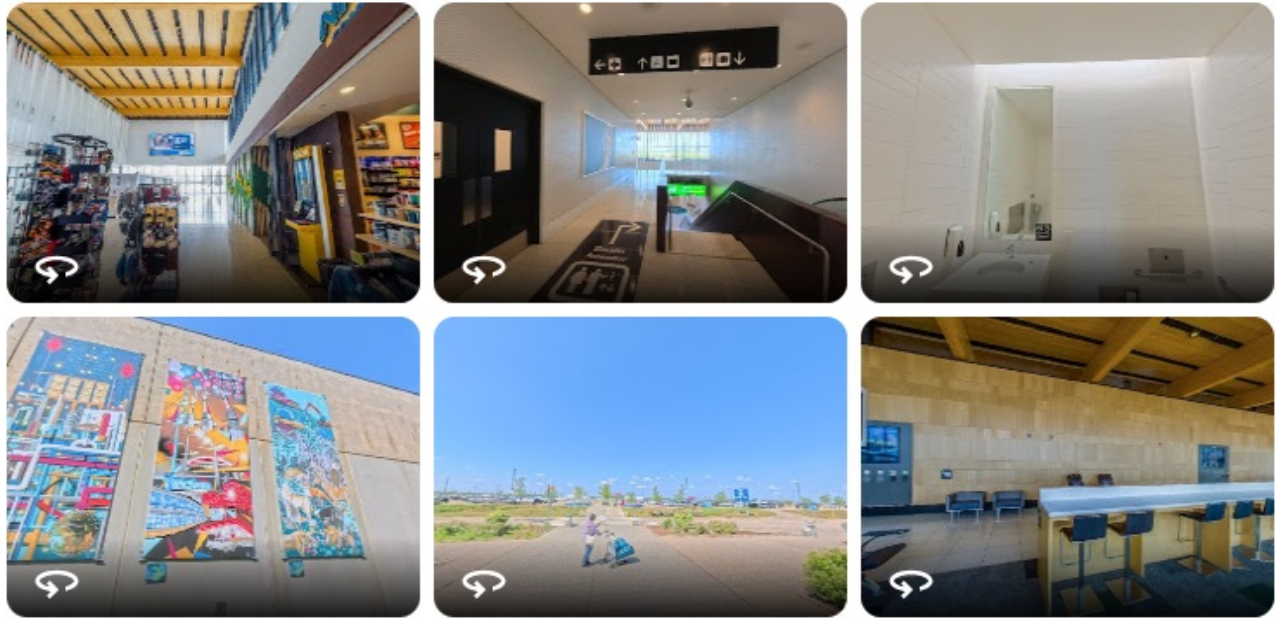
Over \$7,000 in value!



Community In Focus

This month, we're celebrating 40 years of community impact as the Northern Lights Health Foundation (NLHF) marks its milestone anniversary. Funds raised by the NLHF enhance local healthcare services and improve the quality of care for residents across the region.

Interested in showcasing your non-profit at YMM? Email info@flyymm.com to learn more - we're always looking to highlight local organizations making a difference.



Accessibility Feature: 360° Wayfinding via Google

Explore YMM before you arrive. Our 360-degree virtual terminal tours, available through Google Maps, lets passengers preview key accessibility features including elevators, washrooms, check-in counters, and seating areas.



On the YMM Runway

Winter showed itself at YMM this past week with the first snowfall of the season.

Our airfield team was ready, with a sweeper out on the runway to ensure it remained safe and clear for aircraft operations. Keeping the runway in top condition during changing weather is all in a day's work for our skilled maintenance crew.

Photo credit to Corwin Chegwyn, Fort McMurray Airport Authority Airport Maintenance Technician.



YMM History Moment

This remarkable photo captures a glimpse of northern aviation in the 1930s. Standing proudly in front of their ski-equipped aircraft marked CF-AA, two early aviators prepare for takeoff on a frozen field surrounded by boreal forest.

During this era, Fort McMurray was emerging as an important stop for bush pilots connecting remote northern communities, delivering mail, supplies, and passengers long before roads reached the region.

The image is a timeless reminder of the courage and ingenuity that helped shape Fort McMurray's aviation heritage and the vital role these early flights played in building the North.

This image is sourced from the Fort McMurray Historical Society database. If you have a photo to share, please email us at info@flyymm.com.

YMM Terminal

Hours of Operation

Open Daily
4 a.m. to 12 a.m. (midnight)



End of the Runway - Airport Humour

I thought this man was staring at me
like a psychopath until I realized he put
his glasses behind his head lol



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